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1. The official installations, nationalized factories, and other firms which are located in East Germany and East Berlin are no longer permitted to draw DIN norms directly from the Beuth-Vertrieb. Orders for DIN norms have to be placed with Verlag Koehler & Volckmar, Leipzig and Berlin, which then draws the norm sheets from the Beuth-Vertrieb and delivers them to the installation which placed the original order. This regulation is the result of the Interzonal Trade Agreement, which also includes the transmittal of DIN norms. The new procedure is advantageous to the East in that the Beuth-Vertrieb no longer learns the names and addresses of firms placing orders.
2. In about early February 1954, a directive was issued to place all orders for DIN norms with the Deutsche Buch-Export und- Import GmbH, Leipzig C 1, Leninstr. 16, and Berlin O 17, Rungestr. 20. This would seem to indicate that Verlag Koehler & Volckmar has been renamed.
3. Despite the new regulations, people from the East are continuing to purchase DIN norms directly from the Beuth-Vertrieb, which is located at Uhlandstr. 175 in West Berlin. Eastern firms often deal directly with the Beuth-Vertrieb when they need a norm sheet quickly and cannot wait for it to be delivered through the Deutsche Buch-Export und -Import GmbH. Beuth-Vertrieb accepts East marks at a 1:1 ratio with West marks in payment for DIN norms.

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